

In the Claims:

The currently pending claims are as follows.

1. (previously presented) A method of providing a local computer system user with detail information about at least one remote computer system user, comprising:

obtaining, by an awareness client application process executing on a local computer system from an associated awareness server application process executing on a server computer system, an online status of said remote computer system user;

presenting, to said local computer system user by said awareness client application process in a display of said local computer system, an awareness object associated with said remote computer system user, wherein said awareness object includes an indication of said remote computer system user, wherein said awareness object further includes a visual indication of said online status of said remote computer system user;

obtaining, by said awareness client application process on said local computer system, responsive to said presenting said awareness object associated with said remote computer system user, detail information regarding said remote user for display to said local computer system user, wherein said detail information is obtained from a detail information database server process separate from said awareness server application process, and wherein said detail information regarding said remote user includes a visual image associated with said remote computer system user, a contact phone number, at least one job role, at least one direct report, and at least one area of expertise of said remote computer system user;

detecting a selection of said awareness object associated with said remote computer user by said local computer system user; and

presenting, to said local computer system user by said awareness client application process responsive to said detecting said selection of said awareness object associated with said remote computer user by said local computer system user, said detail information regarding said remote computer system user in said display of said local computer system, wherein said presenting includes allowing initiation of an internet protocol phone call by selection of said contact phone number by said local computer system user.

2. (original) The method of claim 1, further comprising:

conveying, in association with a user identifier for said remote computer system user, an identifier of said detail information database server process from said awareness application server process to said awareness application client process;

determining, by said awareness application client process in response to said selecting of said awareness object associated with said remote computer system user, said identifier of said detail information database server process; and

wherein said obtaining said detail information regarding said remote computer system user is performed by said awareness application client process over a communications network using said identifier of said detail information database server process.

3. (original) The method of claim 2, wherein said obtaining said detail information regarding said remote computer system user is performed through an application programming interface to said detail information database server process.

4. (previously presented) The method of claim 1, wherein said presenting said detail information regarding said remote computer system user in a display for said local computer system comprises presenting said detail information regarding said remote computer system user in a display window for an application process executing in said local computer system separately from said awareness client application process.

5. (original) The method of claim 1, wherein said presenting said detail information regarding said remote computer system user presents said detail information through a pop-up display window.

6. (previously presented) The method of claim 1, further comprising:

presenting an interface to said local user, wherein said interface enables said local user to indicate whether said detail information regarding said local user is to be shared with other users.

7. (previously presented) The method of claim 1, further comprising:

presenting an interface to said local user, wherein said interface enables said local user to specify said detail information regarding said local user that is to be shared with other users.

8. (previously presented) The method of claim 1, further comprising:

presenting an interface to said local user, wherein said interface enables said local user to specify one or more other users with which said detail information regarding said local user is to be shared.

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27. (previously presented) A computer program product comprising:

a computer readable memory, said computer readable memory having stored thereon program code for providing a local computer system user with detail information about at least one remote computer system user by

obtaining, by an awareness client application process executing on a local computer system from an associated awareness server application process executing on a server computer system, an online status of said remote computer system user,

presenting, to said local computer system user by said awareness client application process in a display of said local computer system, an awareness object associated with

said remote computer system user, wherein said awareness object includes an indication of said remote computer system user, wherein said awareness object further includes a visual indication of said online status of said remote computer system user,

obtaining, by said awareness client application process on said local computer system, responsive to said presenting said awareness object associated with said remote computer system user, detail information regarding said remote user for display to said local computer system user, wherein said detail information is obtained from a detail information database server process separate from said awareness server application process, and wherein said detail information regarding said remote user includes a visual image associated with said remote computer system user, a contact phone number, at least one job role, at least one direct report, and at least one area of expertise of said remote computer system user,

detecting a selection of said awareness object associated with said remote computer user by said local computer system user, and

presenting, to said local computer system user by said awareness client application process responsive to said detecting said selection of said awareness object associated with said remote computer user by said local computer system user, said detail information regarding said remote computer system user in said display of said local computer system, wherein said presenting includes allowing initiation of an internet protocol phone call by selection of said contact phone number by said local computer system user.

28. (previously presented) The computer program product of claim 27, said program code stored on said computer readable memory providing said local computer system user with said detail information about said at least one remote computer system user by further:

conveying, in association with a user identifier for said remote computer system user, an identifier of said detail information database server process from said awareness application server process to said awareness application client process;

determining, by said awareness application client process in response to said selecting of said awareness object associated with said remote computer system user, said identifier of said detail information database server process; and

wherein said obtaining said detail information regarding said remote computer system user is performed by said awareness application client process over a communications network using said identifier of said detail information database server process.

29. (previously presented) The computer program product of claim 28, wherein said obtaining said detail information regarding said remote computer system user is performed through an application programming interface to said detail information database server process.

30. (previously presented) The computer program product of claim 27, wherein said presenting said detail information regarding said remote computer system user in a display for said local computer system comprises presenting said detail information regarding said remote computer system user in a display window for an application process executing in said local computer system separately from said awareness client application process.

31. (previously presented) The computer program product of claim 27, wherein said presenting said detail information regarding said remote computer system user presents said detail information through a pop-up display window.

32. (previously presented) The computer program product of claim 27, said program code stored on said computer readable memory providing said local computer system user with said detail information about said at least one remote computer system user by further:

presenting an interface to said local user, wherein said interface enables said local user to indicate whether said detail information regarding said local user is to be shared with other users.

33. (previously presented) The computer program product of claim 27, said program code stored on said computer readable memory providing said local computer system user with said detail information about said at least one remote computer system user by further:

presenting an interface to said local user, wherein said interface enables said local user to specify said detail information regarding said local user that is to be shared with other users.

34. (previously presented) The computer program product of claim 27, said program code stored on said computer readable memory providing said local computer system user with said detail information about said at least one remote computer system user by further:

presenting an interface to said local user, wherein said interface enables said local user to specify one or more other users with which said detail information regarding said local user is to be shared.



35. (previously presented) A system, comprising:

a computer readable memory in a local computer system, said computer readable memory having stored thereon program code for providing a local computer system user with detail information about at least one remote computer system user by

obtaining, by an awareness client application process executing on said local computer system from an associated awareness server application process executing on a server computer system, an online status of said remote computer system user,

presenting, to said local computer system user by said awareness client application process in a display of said local computer system, an awareness object associated with said remote computer system user, wherein said awareness object includes an indication of said remote computer system user, wherein said awareness object further includes a visual indication of said online status of said remote computer system user,

obtaining, by said awareness client application process on said local computer system, responsive to said presenting said awareness object associated with said remote computer system user, detail information regarding said remote user for display to said local computer system user, wherein said detail information is obtained from a detail information database server process separate from said awareness server application process, and wherein said detail information regarding said remote user includes a visual image associated with said remote computer system user, a contact phone number, at least one job role, at least one direct report, and at least one area of expertise of said remote computer system user,

detecting a selection of said awareness object associated with said remote computer user by said local computer system user, and

presenting, to said local computer system user by said awareness client application process responsive to said detecting said selection of said awareness object associated with said remote computer user by said local computer system user, said detail information regarding said remote computer system user in said display of said local computer system, wherein said presenting includes allowing initiation of an internet protocol phone call by selection of said contact phone number by said local computer system user.

36. (previously presented) The system of claim 35, said program code stored on said computer readable memory providing said local computer system user with said detail information about said at least one remote computer system user by further:

conveying, in association with a user identifier for said remote computer system user, an identifier of said detail information database server process from said awareness application server process to said awareness application client process;

determining, by said awareness application client process in response to said selecting of said awareness object associated with said remote computer system user, said identifier of said detail information database server process; and

wherein said obtaining said detail information regarding said remote computer system user is performed by said awareness application client process over a communications network using said identifier of said detail information database server process.

37. (previously presented) The system of claim 36, wherein said obtaining said detail information regarding said remote computer system user is performed through an application programming interface to said detail information database server process.

38. (previously presented) The system of claim 35, wherein said presenting said detail information regarding said remote computer system user in a display for said local computer system comprises presenting said detail information regarding said remote computer system user in a display window for an application process executing in said local computer system separately from said awareness client application process.

39. (previously presented) The system of claim 35, wherein said presenting said detail information regarding said remote computer system user presents said detail information through a pop-up display window.

40. (previously presented) The system of claim 35, said program code stored on said computer readable memory providing said local computer system user with said detail information about said at least one remote computer system user by further:

presenting an interface to said local user, wherein said interface enables said local user to indicate whether said detail information regarding said local user is to be shared with other users.

41. (previously presented) The system of claim 35, said program code stored on said computer readable memory providing said local computer system user with said detail information about said at least one remote computer system user by further:

presenting an interface to said local user, wherein said interface enables said local user to specify said detail information regarding said local user that is to be shared with other users.

42. (previously presented) The system of claim 35, said program code stored on said computer readable memory providing said local computer system user with said detail information about said at least one remote computer system user by further:

presenting an interface to said local user, wherein said interface enables said local user to specify one or more other users with which said detail information regarding said local user is to be shared.